

Greater Nashua Continuum of Care
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2014
Harbor Homes Inc., 45 High Street

Ana Pancine, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:40am.

Present at the meeting were:

Ana Pancine, Harbor Homes
Barbara Alves, Marguerite's Place and MP Housing
Annette Escalante, Keystone Hall
Wendy LeBlanc, HIV Task Force

Abigail Alicea, Greater Nashua Mental Health Center
Bob Mack, Nashua City Welfare
Peter Kelleher, Partnership for Successful Living
(by phone)

Minutes of the October 8, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Bob made a motion to accept the minutes; Barbara seconded. Minutes were approved.

HEARTH IMPLEMENTATION

Ana reminded us that although the process for developing the new policies, etc... was put on hold in order to complete the COC application but now we need to get back on track. She and Abigail will meet to determine which policies are required and then put together small work groups to tackle each one. Some discussion took place about the composition of the Board and Ana will reach out to some additional agency leaders serving the homeless to see if they are interested. Abigail had not had much luck in reaching folks who are technically still on the Board but have not attended meetings in a very long time. Ana will also try to connect with a few of these folks to determine their interest in continued participation. Bob expressed concern about the idea of term limits and Abigail said that she had been told by Michelle at HUD that we can request a waiver for term limits and any other challenges we are having with Board composition. Bob also asked when these policies are due to be completed and the group agreed that although this is still the Interim Rule that we will likely need to respond to questions about our processes in next year's COC Application.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Abigail, at the request of the committee, is asking for Community Relations to become an ad-hoc committee as they don't have any ongoing work. Bob is still working on how revisions might be made to the website but other than that, they don't have any planned tasks. Wendy suggested that rather than changing the committee in our Guidelines, to instead just meet "as needed" as opposed to scheduling regular meetings. The group agreed.

EMPLOYMENT CONNECT

Abigail, at the request of the committee, asked for the Board's approval of a date for next year's event. The committee would like to hold the event next year on September 23, 2015 at St Pat's. The Board agreed that this is fine.

POINT IN TIME

Abigail asked on behalf of the committee, what the process would be for collecting PIT data from homeless persons who attend the Project Homeless Connect event on January 28, 2015. The Board indicated that this is something that should be coordinated on their committee level and recommended working with Miles and HMIS folks to come up with a process. Peter agreed that he would support this effort. Bob mentioned that all this would coordinate with the kick-off of the new coordinated assessment/centralized intake process.

Additional discussion took place regarding the presence of Phil Mangano at the Ending Homelessness Fund event that would take place the following evening.

COORDINATED ASSESSMENT

Peter indicated that there is a conference call scheduled next week with a COC in Mississippi regarding centralized intake and then the Nashua group will be meeting the following day. Bob discussed the last Ending Homelessness meeting and the discussion around expectations that housing providers should participate in those meetings and in the transparent pipeline concept to better work together to meet client needs and utilize all available housing resources.

UPCOMING MEETING INFORMATION

Ana will confirmed with Beth Todgham that she was able to arrange for AMR Ambulance to present for the December 3, 2014 GNCOC meeting. Ana also contacted Lisa Christie and NSKS will present about their new facility.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 am.

Minutes prepared by Wendy LeBlanc of Southern New Hampshire HIV/AIDS Task Force.